

livelihoods to stand up for decent wages, safe working conditions, and job security.

I have enormous respect for the past and present leadership of the Washington State Labor Council. We stand together in the ongoing battle to give working families the strongest possible voice.

For the past 100 years, Washington State's labor community has been a powerful force for progress. Their tireless efforts are indispensable in the daily battles for worker's rights. Countless families across Washington State are better off today because of their commitment.

The Washington State Labor Council has also been at the forefront of the effort to pass fair increases in the state minimum wage, setting standards for the rest of the country to follow. Simply put, the Washington State Labor Council has been there in the trenches, making progress happen.

I look forward to working closely with the Washington State Labor Council on all the great causes we share. Washington State has made real progress because of their work, and will continue to do so with their help now and in all the years ahead.●

#### WEST VIRGINIA VA MEDICAL FACILITIES HONORED

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I am enormously proud to highlight the recognition of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington, in my home State of West Virginia, for excellence in health care delivery.

The Huntington VA Medical Center has received accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, JCAHO, as a result of meeting national health care standards. I am very pleased to see this VA health care provider in my home State receiving the accolades it so richly deserves for delivering a high standard of care to veterans.

The Joint Commission, an independent, non-profit organization, is an accreditation body focused on ensuring quality and safety standards for health care on a national level. An on-site survey of the Huntington VA Medical Center, as well as its affiliated facilities, was conducted by the Joint Commission last November, giving Huntington an overall score of 98. Only about 4 percent of all of the facilities that the Joint Commission surveys receive scores of 98 or above a true testament to the quality of health care at the Huntington VA Medical Center.

It is the administration and staff at the Huntington VA Medical Center that make it the superb facility it is. I recognize the hard work and tireless efforts of all the staff there: from the Director's office, maintenance workers, the food preparers, doctors, nurses, physician assistants and physical therapists, to the mental health treatment staff, specialized medicine, emer-

gency, and geriatric care providers. The entire team has made the hospital a true model for quality health care delivery, not just within the VA health care system, but for the entire Nation. I, along with the veterans who receive care at Huntington, thank them for all they do, and encourage them to continue their good work.●

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

The following presidential messages were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

PM-70. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Drug Control Strategy for 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit the 2002 National Drug Control Strategy, consistent with the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705).

Illegal drug use threatens everything that is good about our country. It can break the bonds between parents and children. It can turn productive citizens into addicts, and it can transform schools into places of violence and chaos. Internationally, it finances the work of terrorists who use drug profits to fund their murderous work. Our fight against illegal drug use is a fight for our children's future, for struggling democracies, and against terrorism.

We have made progress in the past. From 1985 to 1992, drug use among high school seniors dropped each year. Progress was steady and, over time, dramatic. However, in recent years we have lost ground. This Strategy represents the first step in the return of the fight against drugs to the center of our national agenda. We must do this for one great moral reason: over time, drugs rob men, women, and children of their dignity and of their character.

We acknowledge that drug use among our young people is at unacceptably high levels. As a Nation, we know how to teach character, and how to dissuade children from ever using illegal drugs. We need to act on that knowledge.

This Strategy also seeks to expand the drug treatment system, while recognizing that even the best treatment program cannot help a drug user who does not seek its assistance. The Strategy also recognizes the vital role of law enforcement and interdiction programs, while focusing on the importance of attacking the drug trade's key vulnerabilities.

Previous Strategies have enjoyed bipartisan political and funding support in the Congress. I ask for your continued support in this critical endeavor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 12, 2002.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 3:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 737. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office."

S. 970. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the Horatio King Post Office Building.

S. 1026. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Post Office Building."

H.J. Res. 82. A joint resolution recognizing the 91st birthday of Ronald Reagan.

The bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 12, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 737. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office."

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5346. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Governmental Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5347. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana Regulatory Program" (MT-003-FOR) received on February 8, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5348. A communication from the Director of the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, Department of Justice, transmitting,